

Durham Police Department
2017 First Quarter Report
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The Durham Police Department has six performance measures – violent crime, property crime, Part 1 index crime, clearance rates, response times to Priority 1 calls and staffing levels – and they are reported to the public on a quarterly basis. This report contains information about the performance measures as well as highlights from the 1st quarter of 2017.

Part 1 index crime (property and violent crime) rose by 7 percent during the first quarter of 2017 compared to the first three months in 2016. Violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) rose by 9 percent and property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) increased by 7 percent.

Reported homicides and burglaries decreased during the first quarter. The number of reported burglaries was at a 17-year low for the first quarter.

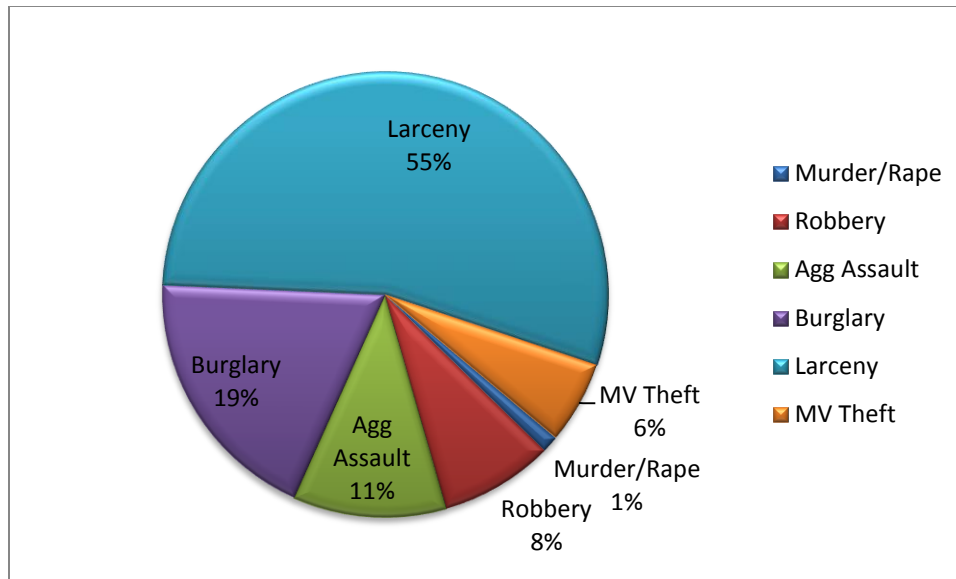
Part 1 Violent Crime – 1st Quarter

<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	<i>3-Year Avg</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016-17 % Change</i>
<i>Homicide</i>	8	10	11	4	-64%
<i>Rape</i>	24	17	23	31	35%
<i>Robbery</i>	196	158	192	238	24%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	322	325	318	322	1%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	550	510	544	595	9%

Part 1 Property Crime – 1st Quarter

<i>Part 1 Property Crime</i>	<i>3-Year Avg</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016-17 % Change</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	650	831	570	549	-4%
<i>Larceny</i>	1534	1585	1444	1573	9%
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	145	127	136	173	27%
<i>Property Crime</i>	2329	2543	2150	2295	7%

2017 1st Quarter Part 1 Crime Percentages



Part 1 Crime Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD 2017 1Q	DPD 2016	FBI 2015*
Homicide	25%	69%	61.5%
Rape	42%	34.9%	34.5%
Robbery	19%	24.5%	28.4%
Aggravated Assault	25%	40.9%	50.2%
Violent Crime	24%	34.9%	42.4%
Burglary	15%	14.5%	11.1%
Larceny	22%	23%	20.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	11%	16.8%	12%
Property Crime	19%	20.4%	17.6%

*The FBI clearance numbers are for cities population 100,000-250,000

Domestic Violence Part 1 Crimes

	<i>2015 1Q</i>	<i>2016 1Q</i>	<i>2017 1Q</i>
<i>Murder</i>	2	2	0
<i>Rape</i>	2	4	3
<i>Robbery</i>	2	3	2
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	68	68	57
<i>Violent Crime</i>	74	77	62
<i>Burglary</i>	18	25	26
<i>Larceny</i>	31	41	41
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	1	2	4
<i>Property Crime</i>	50	68	71
<i>Part 1 Index Crime</i>	124	145	133

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

1st Quarter Part 2 Crime Offenses

Offense	2015 1Q Total	2016 1Q Total	2017 1Q Total
All Other Offenses	166	151	117
Arson	4	5	9
Disorderly Conduct	9	10	11
Driving While Impaired	115	120	71
Drug Violations	292	314	144
Embezzlement	35	37	24
Forgery/Counterfeiting	49	28	43
Fraud	385	400	465
Liquor Law Violations	3	10	5
Obscene Material/Pornography	3	5	6
Offenses Against Family	25	31	29
Prostitution	3	1	1
Sex Offense	21	26	31
Simple Assault	403	462	415
Stolen Property	9	13	12
Vandalism	381	400	385
Weapon Violations	75	59	73

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Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for Jan-March 2017

Offense/Age	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault	1	1			2	3	7
All Other Offenses			1	3	14	17	35
Burglary				1	2	4	7
Disorderly Conduct					2	1	3
Drug Violations				2	3	5	10
Fraud	1				1	17	19
Larceny		1	1	4	6	8	20
Offenses Against Family					1		1
Robbery					9	5	14
Simple Assault			1		6	8	15
Stolen Property				1	4	1	6
Vandalism				1	2	2	5
Weapon Violations		1			4	4	9
Grand Total	2	3	3	12	56	75	151

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Misdemeanor Diversion Program – Twenty-six teens, ages 16 and 17, were referred to the misdemeanor diversion program during the first quarter of 2017. Eighteen youth were referred to the adult misdemeanor diversion program (ages 18-21) during the first quarter.

Since January 2014, the Durham Police Department has been responsible for 81 percent of the referrals to the adult misdemeanor program and DCSO/SRO has accounted for 19 percent of the referrals. The DPD has been responsible for 49 percent of the 16- and 17-year-old referrals to the misdemeanor diversion program and Sheriff/SROs have referred 51 percent.

1st Quarter 2017 Training Division Activities

Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the 1st Quarter 2017

	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Test
White Male	48	3	0	4	1
White Female	8	1	2	2	2
African-American Male	52	14	1	15	5
African-American Female	9	3	1	3	1
Latino Male	6	3	0	1	1
Latino Female	4	3	0	0	0
Asian Male	3	0	0	0	0
Asian Female	1	0	0	0	0
Other Female	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	132	27	5	25	10

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

Recruiting Job Fairs – The Recruiting Unit held nine open houses and attended 23 job fairs during the first quarter of 2017. The job fairs were at The Citadel in South Carolina, Cherry Point Marine Base, Women in Law Enforcement Open House at DPD Headquarters, ENCCA Job Fair at N.C. State University, UNC Wilmington, Corporate Gray Military Job Fair in Virginia Beach, Clemson University, CIAA Basketball Tournament in Charlotte, Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Rowan/Cabarrus Community College, NCCU Job and Career Fair, John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, Fort Lee, Va., Job Fair, Sandhills Community College, Virginia Peninsula Job Fair, Cumberland County Job Fair in Fayetteville, Durham Public Schools Job Fair, Campbell University, Alamance Community College, Fayetteville State University, Camp Lejeune and William Peace College.

Women in Law Enforcement Open House – The Durham Police Department hosted a *Women in Law Enforcement Open House* on February 11. Thirteen female potential recruits attended. Topics included Mental Readiness, Health, You and Five-O, Career Perspectives and information about the hiring process.

First Quarter In-Service Training for Sworn Officers – During the first quarter of 2017, officers were required to attend a Legal Update class as well as take online classes on Positively Impacting Today's Youth and Law Enforcement Intelligence Update.

Officers also attended a mandatory six-hour training block about procedural justice, which “focuses on the way police and other legal authorities interact with the public, and how the characteristics of those interactions shape the public’s views of the police, their willingness to obey the law, and actual crime rates.”

Lifesaving Efforts

Lifesaving CPR Efforts – On March 29, District 4-D Officers E.O. Johnson and C.W. Ugolick responded to a cardiac arrest call. When they arrived, they found an 11-year-old boy who was not breathing and had no pulse. Officer Johnson immediately started performing CPR including breaths for the patient while Officer Ugolick updated paramedics who were en route to the house. Officer Johnson performed three rounds of CPR before pausing to assess the child’s condition. He discovered that the child had a pulse and was breathing. According to the responding medic unit (Medic 5), “The boy would have died...they saved his life.”

Suicidal Female – Squad 2-C Officer M.S. Supernaw and his recruit, Officer J.M. Berkstresser, were dispatched to a call on January 29 about a suicidal female at a parking deck near a church downtown. The officers checked a parking deck near the intersection of Ramseur Street and South Mangum Street and found a distraught 17-year-old female leaning over the railing three stories above the street. Officer Berkstresser got out of the car and spoke with the female while Officer Supernaw let 911 know that the female had been located. While Officer Berkstresser was speaking with the female, Officer Supernaw slowly and quietly approached the female, using parked vehicles to conceal his approach. While the female was focused on Officer Berkstresser, Officer Supernaw jumped out and pulled her to safety. Officers located the teen’s purse and several suicide notes she had written to family and friends. The officers were able to take her to the hospital to get help.

Suicidal Male – Officer Kendrick Hunter with our Crisis Intervention Team successfully handled a situation with a suicidal young man. The pastor and an elder at a local church said the man had driven 11 hours to Durham to deal with an ex-girlfriend. He happened to stop at the church and was very upset and despondent. He talked about killing himself. A church member knew Officer Hunter and called to ask him for assistance.

Officer Hunter bonded with the young man when he told him he was a National Guard Reservist and the two talked. Officer Hunter was able to convince the man to go to the hospital for counseling and the man was soon able to return home to his family. The church elder praised Officer Hunter’s “expertise and experience; as well as his obvious caring attitude. I am certain Officer Hunter was responsible for helping to save a man’s life.”

Suicide Crisis Intervention – On February 2, a homeless man who lived in a camp in the woods in District 3 became suicidal and upset because he was unable to get help. Two friends called 911 and said he had become aggressive and they believed he had fired two shots as they were leaving to call for help. Officer M.D. Henderson was able to contact the man by cell phone and spoke with him several times for over an hour. Officer Henderson was able to convince the man to come out of the woods and go to the hospital for help. The incident was resolved without injury.

K9 Rescue – On March 5, K9 Officer C.W. Harris and K9 Miki tracked and located a missing/endangered male. The male suffered from schizophrenia and had been off his medications for two months. He was inadequately dressed for the cold weather and had run from his home. Miki tracked the man through the woods and a swamp. Miki located the man unharmed next to a tree.

Community Activities and Events

The following are just a few examples of the many community activities and events Durham Police Department employees participated in during the first quarter of 2017.



POLICE R.E.A.D.S – *Police R.E.A.D.S* (**R**ead **E**nrichment **A**ctivities in **D**urham **S**chools) launched its sixth year of implementation during March. Sworn and non-sworn employees from the Durham Police Department read to students at Maureen Joy Charter School on South Driver Street on Fridays during March. A collaboration of the City of Durham Police Department, Durham Schools and the East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI), *Police R.E.A.D.S* strengthens police-community relations as officers model and promote the benefits of literary and academic achievement among Durham schoolchildren.

Touch-A-Truck Event – The Durham Police Department participated in the March 25 Touch-a-Truck event sponsored by the Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties at Streets at Southpoint. Close to 3,000 people came out to take an up close look at police vehicles, fire engines, ambulances, tow trucks, bulldozers, garbage trucks, cranes and other vehicles. We had a chance to show off the new CrimeStoppers design on our mobile substation.



Central Park Community Clean-Up Initiative – On February 22, Master Officer C.M. Kirkman and officers from Bike Squad 30 cleaned up an area around Central Park after Master Officer Kirkman noticed that trash, cigarette butts and beer bottles around Central Park. Central Park is used daily by Central Park Middle School kids as their playground. With Master Officer Kirkman’s organization and commitment, officers with his unit were able to pick up several large bags of trash.



Lunch in the Mac – District 4 commanders, investigators and officers have been holding community lunches on Tuesdays in McDougald Terrace to build positive relationships with residents. Officers from the North Carolina Central University Police Department and the Durham County Sheriff’s Office have also attended.



Homeless Outreach – Officers with the DPD’s Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and others handed out nearly 10 “Empowerment Coats” to homeless people in Durham on January 6. Empowerment Coats are heavy duty sleeping bags that convert into a winter coat when needed. Officers also participated in the Point in Time homeless count and the Bull City Fresh Start Initiative on January 26.



As part of the Point in Time count, on January 25, teams of three to four volunteers, accompanied by one police officer, went out into the community to meet homeless individuals where they live. Volunteers approached individuals/households who appeared homeless and surveyed them. Homeless persons identified by the street count may be offered access to a shelter, provided some donated items, and a list of available resources in the community.

The Bull City Fresh Start Initiative is a collaborative effort involving the Durham Police Department, City of Durham’s Department of Community Development, Healing with CAARE Inc., and other stakeholders within the community. The initiative targets Durham’s homeless population with the goal of locating them, offering assistance, and providing them with supplies and housing options.

Child’s Birthday Party – Officers from Squad 2-B visited a birthday party on January in response to a request from a child who wanted the police to show up for his 6th birthday. Officers showed the kids the inside of the police car and let them practice handcuffing techniques. Officers also had positive interactions with neighbors who came over in response to the large police presence on their street.



Operation Pill Drop – On March 25, the Vice Narcotics Unit and Violent Incident Response Team (VIRT) partnered with NC Safe Kids to conduct Operation Pill Drop. Members from UNC Pharmacy School assisted officers in identifying controlled substances as citizens turned in their old medications. Officers collected approximately 130 pounds of medication, which included Morphine, Fentanyl, Hydrocodone and other highly addictive substances. NC Safe Kids provided coloring books for children and other literature to educate the public about prescription drug dangers. All of the medication collected was delivered to the NC State Bureau of Investigation for proper disposal.

2017 Lifesavers National Conference

– The Durham Police Department was well represented at the 2017 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities. Cpl. D.J. Kuszaj and Investigators H.F. Henry, G.L. Munter, J.A. Bell and D.P. Strandh of the DPD Traffic Services Unit attended the March 26-28 event in Charlotte. Officers from Bike Squad 30 spoke at the conference about bicycle and pedestrian safety.



The Lifesavers Conference brings together a unique combination of public health and safety professionals, researchers, advocates, practitioners and students committed to sharing best practices, research, and policy initiatives that are proven to work. Each year, Lifesavers provides a forum for the presentation of proven countermeasures and initiatives that address today's critical highway safety problems. Lifesavers is a non-profit organization with no single sponsor. It relies on the involvement of a diverse group of public and private organizations that share a common goal of improving highway safety.

N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program Calendar – The Durham Police Department's MADD-themed patrol car was featured on the March 2017 page of the N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program's 12-month calendar. The calendar highlights their multiple campaigns and special events. Each month has a different theme and March 2017 was "Booze It & Lose It."



Police Athletic League (PAL) Basketball – Twenty-one youth basketball teams, comprised of third through fifth graders, took part in the Police Athletic League's (PAL) 2017 winter basketball program during the first quarter. There were 15 participating elementary schools including boys, girls and coed teams. The league's popularity is growing to the extent that four of the schools also had cheerleading squads that support the police department's PAL program. Officer John Suitt, the PAL coordinator, ran the league with the assistance of approximately 45 volunteers including 12 police officers; three non-sworn employees; and 30 volunteers from Durham Public Schools, charter schools and academies. In addition, game officials, scorekeepers and statisticians were volunteers from Nothing But Net Sports, Move Play Sports, Inc., and One Shot Sports.

PAL's 2017 winter basketball teams include the following schools: Easley, Y. E. Smith, Holt, C. C. Spaulding, Lakewood, Merrick Moore, Morehead, Global Scholars Academy, Fayetteville Street, Eastway, Pearson, I.D.Y.L. Charter, W. G. Pearson, Faith Assembly Academy, and R. N. Harris.

1st Quarter Murder Arrests

Murder Arrest – Durham police arrested Ledarius Rumsey Samuel, 18, of Durham on January 18 and charged him with murder in connection with a January 12 murder on South Roxboro Street. Samuel was also charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with this case. Officers responded to a shooting call in a parking lot in the 2500 block of South Roxboro Street. When they arrived, they found Felipe Aleman Perez, 42, of Durham, who had been shot and was pronounced dead at the scene. An 18-year-old male was also shot during this incident. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries that do not appear to be life-threatening.

Murder Arrest – Jarrell Paylor, 16, of Durham was arrested and charged with murdering John Wesley Pruitt Jr., 41, during an attempted robbery inside the Family Fare at 2918 Guess Road on February 14. Pruitt was an employee of the business. Paylor was also shot during this incident. He was hospitalized for two weeks and then taken to the Durham County Jail.

In addition to the murder charge, Paylor is facing two charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with a February 13 robbery at Cruizers, 1914 Sedwick Road. A male entered the business around 9:15 a.m. on February 13 and robbed an employee and a customer at gunpoint. The male, identified later as Paylor, fled with cash.

Paylor is also facing charges of larceny from person and possession of a stolen firearm in connection with an incident reported on February 1. In that case, Paylor is charged with taking a pistol from a man on North Roxboro Street.

Murder/Home Invasion Arrest – Jemar Sherray Beulah Jr., 20, of Durham was arrested on March 20 following a vehicle chase and charged with robbing and shooting two people on Burnette Street. Officers responded to the shooting call at 1:53 a.m. on March 19 in the 300 block of Burnette Street. A 51-year-old man told officers he heard a knock on the door and answered because he was expecting someone. A man he did not know was at the door and pointed a gun at him. The man demanded the victim's car keys and followed him into the house. The man shot the victim and the victim's 79-year-old mother before leaving in the victim's silver 2013 silver Chevrolet Cruze. The two shooting victims were taken to the hospital for treatment. The mother, Esther Mae Leak, later died as a result of her injuries. The son was hospitalized for several days and then released.

The vehicle chase started shortly after 1 p.m. on March 20 when Squad 1-C officers spotted the stolen Chevrolet Cruze. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle at Angier Avenue and Plum Street, but the driver did not stop and sped away. Officers chased the vehicle for several minutes until the driver lost control of the vehicle on Dearborn Drive and crashed into a tree. The car then caught fire. The driver, Beulah, was taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Two female passengers in the vehicle were also treated for minor injuries. Investigators from the Robbery Task Force charged Beulah with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, one count of possession of a stolen vehicle, one count of larceny of a motor vehicle, one count of felony fleeing to elude law enforcement officials, one count of aggressive driving and one count of reckless driving. He was also arrested on an obtaining property by false pretense charge for allegedly pawning tools that did not belong to him on February 16. After Leak died, Beulah was also charged with murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The two females in the car were questioned by investigators and released.

Murder Arrest – A fourth person was arrested during the first quarter of 2017 on murder charges in connection with the April 4, 2016 fatal shooting of Spencer Garrett Harrison, 21, of Durham. Diojennea Tharrington, 20, of Rocky Mount was arrested in Rocky Mount on January 29. In addition to murder, she is facing charges of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Harrison was shot at an apartment complex in the 4800 block of University Drive. Dominique La'Ron Percell, and Anthony Terry, both 21, and Nathaniel Antonio Nelson, 26, were arrested in 2016 in connection with this case.

Murder Arrest – Malik Boyce was arrested on murder charges on January 20 on Junction Road by members of the U.S. Marshals Service Joint Fugitive Task Force. Boyce and Larry Lee James were wanted on murder charges in connection with the July 18, 2016 murder of 21-year-old Kevin David Powell in the 1100 block of Linwood Avenue. Powell suffered multiple gunshot wounds and the incident did not appear to be random. James was arrested on August 18, 2016 on

Sarah Williams Avenue in Graham by members of the U.S. Marshals Service Joint Fugitive Task Force.

January 2017 Robbery Arrests

Cricket Wireless Robbery Arrest – Durham police arrested Isaiah Demario Poole and charged him with robbing a Cricket Wireless store at 1418 Avondale Drive on January 1. A male wearing a mask and a hoodie entered the business around 1:45 p.m. on New Year's Day and demanded money. The male fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. Poole, 28, of Durham was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was arrested on February 2 on Rochelle Street. Poole is also facing additional charges of identity theft and financial card theft.

UC Stop Robbery Arrest – Durham police investigators arrested a Pittsboro man on January 5 and charged him with robbing the UC Stop at 710 South Alston Avenue at gunpoint three days earlier. The man – 25-year-old Johnathon Durell Burton – has also been charged with committing armed robberies in Wake and Chatham counties. Officers were dispatched to a robbery call at the UC Stop shortly after 1 p.m. on January 2. A male wearing a hoodie and armed with a gun entered the business and demanded money. The male fled with cigarettes and cash.

Durham officers arrested Burton and Tyree Edward Mills, 27, of Durham. Burton is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with the UC Stop case. He was also charged by Durham officers with maintaining a vehicle for the possession or sale of controlled substances, possession of marijuana with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia and assault on a government official. In addition to the charges from Wake and Chatham counties, he is wanted on a parole violation. He was placed in Durham County Jail without bond. Mills is facing robbery charges in Wake and Chatham counties. He was held without bond in the Durham County Jail on fugitive charges from Pennsylvania.

Carjacking Robbery Charges – Two men have been charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy in connection with a carjacking reported near Weldon Terrace and Owen Street on January 3. A male told officers he was dropping a female off at her residence when four males approached him and stole his car at gunpoint. The car was located several hours later on Hickory Street. Devonta Jaquan McCallum, 24, was arrested on January 29 on the robbery charges as well as for failing to appear in court on other charges. The second suspect has not been arrested at this time.

Robbery Arrests – Two brothers were arrested on robbery and kidnapping charges after they allegedly attempted to recover a stolen laptop computer. The brothers – 38-year-old Daniel Rahimatoola and 37-year-old Hassan Rahimatoola – believed they saw a stolen laptop belonging to Daniel Rahimatoola being advertised on Craigslist. They arranged a meeting with the seller on January 4 in a parking lot on Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard after being advised by an

investigator not to do so. According to police reports, the brothers approached the seller's vehicle, identified themselves as undercover agents and pulled the victim out of the vehicle. Hassan Rahimatoola showed the victim a gun in his waistband and the brothers handcuffed the victim with flex cuffs and threw him into the back of his vehicle. The laptop turned out not to be the one that had been stolen from Daniel Rahimatoola. The Rahimatoola brothers were both charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping, false imprisonment, impersonating an officer and going armed to the terror of the public.

Robbery Arrests – On January 4, a male and his friends drove to the area of Trinity Avenue and Peace Street to pick up a female. When they arrived, several males armed with a gun and a bat approached the victims. The suspects punched one victim in the face, smashed his vehicle windshield with a bat and stole his phone. A Durham police K9 tracked the suspects to a residence on Rosetta Drive. Officers arrested Jose Torres, 18, and a 15-year-old female and charged them robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy.

Libreria Cristiana Robbery Arrest – Henry Alexander Castellanos Jimenez, 29, was arrested and charged with the armed robbery of Libreria Cristiana at 2000 Avondale Drive on January 11. A male entered the business and came to the counter several times before brandishing a knife. The male put the knife to a female employee's side and demanded money. He fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Robbery/Kidnapping Charges – Durham police officers arrested a man and a woman on January 31 on robbery and kidnapping charges in connection with an incident at a motel on N.C. 55 Highway. A male told officers he was kidnapped and robbed early on January 9 at the Crossland Economy Studios at 5008 N.C. 55 Highway. The male told officers he went to the motel to meet a female and knocked on her door. A male answered the door, pulled a gun on the victim and hit him on the head with the gun when he entered the room. Two females were also in the room. The three suspects forced the victim to go to his van and drive them to ATM where he was forced to take out \$500. The suspects then took the victim to Raleigh where they forced him out of the van. Three shots were fired at the victim but he was not injured.

Investigators with the Durham Police Department's Robbery Task Force charged Jocelyn Marie Murrill, 24, of Durham and Richard Lamar Hart Jr., 30, of Raleigh with robbery with a dangerous weapon, first-degree kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and felony conspiracy. Murrill is also charged with obtaining property by false pretense and identity theft. Hart is also charged with a felony probation violation. Murrill is facing additional charges in Wake County. In addition, Hart and Murrill were each charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of cocaine with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver and maintaining a vehicle to keep or sell controlled substances as a result of the traffic stop. Murrill was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$1,050,000 bond and Hart was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$750,000 bond.

Robbery Arrests – Three people were arrested on robbery charges after Durham Police Officer L.P. Warneke stopped a suspicious vehicle just before the robbery was reported to 911. A female was at a bus stop on Angier Avenue on January 15 when a male wearing a ski mask and armed with a gun approached her and stole her purse. A short time later, Warneke stopped a vehicle about 200 yards away from the location of the robbery after he heard an alarm and saw the vehicle leaving from a business. The vehicle was occupied by two males and one female. Officers located the victim's purse in the car along with a handgun reported stolen in Cary and a BB gun. Keymon Cozart, 16, was arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. Lasheema Kearney, 20, was charged with accessory after the fact to a felony. A 13-year-old female was questioned by investigators.

Robbery Arrests – Two Durham men were arrested on January 21 and charged with robbing a teen on a bus. One of the two men was also charged with assaulting a second teen as they got off the bus near Broad Street and Guess Road. The victims told officers they got on the bus at the main bus station around 11 p.m. and were approached by the suspects. One victim was sitting on the bus when a man sat next to him and started to go through the victim's pockets. A second man allegedly implied he had a gun and threatened the victim if he didn't give up his phone. One of the suspects allegedly punched a second teen in the head as they were getting off the bus. Officers were given a description of the suspects and Officer R.B. Humphrey located possible suspects on Guess Road. Officers charged Malcolm Lee Davis, 23, of Durham and Ladarrious Lamonte Alston, 23, of Durham with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. Davis was also charged with assault. Alston was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$300,000 bond and Davis was placed in jail under a \$325,000 bond. Officers located the victim's stolen phone.

Purse Snatching Robbery Arrests – Derrick Kenneth Givens, 33, of Hillsborough was arrested and charged in connection with five purse snatching robberies targeting females in apartment complexes in District 3. The robberies, which were reported in late January and early February, occurred in apartment complexes on Morreene Road, South LaSalle Street, Weymouth Street and Mayfair Street. The victims were walking to their vehicles or apartments when the robberies occurred. Givens was charged with four counts of common-law robbery, one count of attempted common-law robbery and three counts of assault and battery.

February 2017 Robbery Arrests

Family Fare/Subway Robbery Arrests – David Lee Freeman, 52, was arrested on February 9 and charged with robbing two businesses within six weeks. Freeman is charged with robbing the Family Fare at 801 Broad Street on December 26. A male entered the business and demanded cash. He held his hand in his pocket as if he had a gun and threatened to shoot employees if they did not comply with his demand. He is also charged with robbing the Subway at 1000 North Miami Boulevard on January 24. A male entered the business shortly after 6 p.m. and demanded

money. He threatened to shoot the employees if they did not comply, according to investigators. Freeman is charged with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Compare Foods Robbery Charge – William Ellis Joyner, 51, was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a deadly weapon following a February 7 incident at Compare Foods at 2000 Avondale Drive. A male grabbed a female's purse from her shopping cart and attempted to flee from the business. Employees and others chased the man, causing him to drop the victim's purse. The male pulled a knife on the people chasing him and fled. The man, later identified as Joyner, was arrested on April 11.

Robbery Arrests – Two men were arrested on robbery charges after allegedly kidnapping a woman on Lathrop Street on February 10. A male and a female were walking when two males, one armed with a gun, ran toward them and robbed the male victim. The males then allegedly forced the female into a silver Cadillac and drove away. A short time later, Officer J.L. Hollingsworth stopped the Cadillac in the 2000 block of North Roxboro Street. The female was found unharmed in the vehicle and officers also located two guns, cocaine and heroin. Kevin Powell, 25, and Chester Wallace, 55, were both arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and felony conspiracy.

March 2017 Robbery Arrests

Robbery/Ethnic Intimidation Arrest – Officers responded to a disturbance with a weapon call on Glenn School Road on March 2. Two contractors were working near the entrance of a shopping center when a man came out of the woods and began hitting their work truck with a baseball bat and throwing items out of the truck. The man then fled with the victims' work truck and trailer. The trailer, which was filled with cable, flipped over and fell off the truck on East Club Boulevard. Durham County sheriff's deputies spotted the stolen truck and chased it until it crashed on Old Oxford Highway near Snow Hill Road. Wallace Eubanks, 31, of Kinston was arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, ethnic intimidation, larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, fleeing to elude arrest, hit-and-run and damage to property.

Carjacking Arrests – Two men were arrested and charged with an armed carjacking that happened on Hardee Street on March 5. A female and two males were in a BMW in front of a residence when four men approached them, removed the victims from the car and pistol whipped one victim. They took the BMW and personal items from the victims. Approximately one hour later, Officer M.A. Judy spotted the stolen vehicle on Lawson Street and attempted to stop it on South Briggs Avenue. The driver refused to stop and sped away. The driver drove on Briggs to Riddle Road and then crashed while trying to turn on to Ellis Road. The car wrecked in the woods and the two occupants jumped out. K9 Officer B.K. Johnson and K9 Ulix located 30-year-old Roberto Becerril and Officer R.S. Harris found 17-year-old Cesar Zunita. Becerril and Zunita were both charged with three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony

conspiracy and possession of a stolen vehicle. Becerril was also charged with felony speeding to elude law enforcement officers and resisting, delaying and obstructing law enforcement officials.

Dollar General Robbery Arrest – Cassandra Renee Cox, 34, was arrested on April 13 and charged with committing an armed robbery on March 8 at Dollar General at 4623 Hillsborough Road. A female was seen placing several items inside a bag and then leaving the store without paying for them. When an employee attempted to stop the woman, she told him her boyfriend was in a car in front of the store and had a gun pointed at the employee. The female fled in the car, which was driven by a male.

Domino's Pizza Attempted Robbery/Shooting Arrest – Allen Michael King, 24, was arrested on March 14 in connection with an attempted robbery and shooting at Domino's Pizza at 4502 North Roxboro Street shortly before 10 p.m. on February 13. Officers were told that a male entered the business, fired a shot inside the store and fled. No one was injured. Nothing was taken. King was charged with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Robbery Charges – Two men have been charged with robbing a man at a bus stop near Dillard Street and East Main Street on March 16. One man – 28-year-old Micanthony Jermel McMillian – was arrested on March 16. The second man – 40-year-old Terrell Lamont Brown – was arrested two days later. A 22-year-old male told officers he was walking on Dillard Street shortly after 8 p.m. when two men approached him. One man stuck what the victim believed to be a gun in the victim's back and demanded money. As the man was trying to go through the victim's pants pockets, a second man grabbed the victim from behind, choked him and threw him to the ground. He then hit the victim in the face with a large board. The suspects fled with cash, cigarettes and the victim's wallet. The victim was treated at the scene for his injuries.

Officers located McMillian a few minutes later near Holloway Street and Queen Street. McMillian was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. He was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$280,000 bond. Brown was arrested after officers responded to a panhandling call and learned that he was wanted. He was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony conspiracy and misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon. He was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$300,000 bond.

Home Invasion Arrests – Three teens were arrested and charged with committing an armed home invasion on University Drive on March 21. The victims told officers that four men armed with guns kicked in the door of their apartment, demanded money and ransacked a bedroom. K9 Officer B.K. Johnson spotted a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle on University Drive and followed it to Larchmont Drive. Two males remained in the vehicle and were taken into custody. Two other occupants of the vehicle fled on foot. Cpl. S.J. Kimball spotted one of the possible suspects on Larchmont Drive and arrested him. Marcus Malik Vaughan, 17, Aaron J'Quan Bishop, 19, and Dajuan Rytiek-Lasean Barrett, 18, were all charged

with robbery with a dangerous weapon, first-degree burglary and felony conspiracy. Officer Johnson and K9 Ulix recovered two firearms and a mask. One firearm was recovered from a children's playground.

Attempted Robbery Arrests – Two juveniles, ages 14 and 15, were charged with assaulting a man and attempting to rob him on March 27 on Blackwell Street. The 31-year-old man was walking on Blackwell Street around 11 p.m. when two teens approached him from behind and punched him several times, causing his glasses to break. The suspects tried to steal the victim's wallet but he was able to push them away. The juveniles were charged with attempted common-law robbery.

Significant 1st Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests

Shooting Arrest – Bryan Montreez Upchurch, 36, was arrested on March 28 and charged with shooting two men on January 18 near the intersection of South Roxboro Street and Cornwallis Road. Several men were standing in a parking lot by a convenience store shortly after 3 p.m. when a male approached them and fired numerous shots. One victim ran inside the store and the suspect followed him in and fired more shots. A 50-year-old man suffered a bullet graze wound to his elbow and a 37-year-old man was shot in the thigh. Upchurch was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, discharging a firearm into an occupied property, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Shooting Arrests – Two men were charged in connection with a shooting on January 18 on Laymans Chapel Road. Officers responded to a shooting call shortly after 10 a.m. in the 4500 block of Laymans Chapel Road. When they arrived, they found a 28-year-old man who had suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The man told officers two men had entered his home and shot him, and he had returned fire. Approximately five minutes after the incident was reported, two men showed up at Duke Regional Hospital with gunshot wounds.

Investigators with the Durham Police Department's Robbery Task Force charged the two men – Kenneth Atwater, 24, of Pommel Lane and Saquawn Williams, 24, of Potter Street – with attempted first degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, felony breaking and entering and felony conspiracy. The resident – 28-year-old Louis Craft Jr. – was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. He was later charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver, possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia and maintaining a dwelling for the manufacture, sale or delivery of controlled substances.

Shooting Arrest – Josiah Browning, 18, was arrested and charged with shooting his brother March 5 on Avon Lake Drive. The two were arguing when Browning allegedly fired a shot and struck his 24-year-old brother in the upper thigh. The brother was taken to the hospital for

treatment of serious injuries. Browning was arrested on Chapel Hill on one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Stabbing Arrest – A Durham man was arrested on March 22 and charged with stabbing a man 10 days earlier near Broad Street. A 34-year-old man flagged down officers in the 800 block of Broad Street around 12:15 a.m. on March 12 and told them he had been stabbed. The man, who suffered stab wounds to his back and abdomen, was taken to the hospital, where he was treated for serious injuries. The stabbing apparently occurred in the area of Broad Street and Green Street. Officers arrested Steven Alston, 25, on Iredell Street. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and placed in Durham County Jail under a \$500,000 bond.

Shooting Arrest – Officers responded to a fight/shots fired call on Hedgerow Place (Old Farm Park) shortly before 5:30 p.m. on March 28. Officers were told that several vehicles were seen leaving the area and a description of those vehicles was broadcast to officers. An officer spotted one vehicle – a silver Subaru – in the area of Roxboro Street and Argonne Drive. The driver lost control of the vehicle in a curve on Argonne Drive and the vehicle overturned into a ditch. There were five occupants in the vehicle – two men and three women. One man had suffered a gunshot wound to the foot and was taken to the hospital for treatment. The other four occupants suffered minor injuries and were questioned by investigators.

One occupant of the Subaru – Ricky Demuris Wardlaw, 24, of Hillsborough – was arrested on outstanding warrants from Orange County. Those warrants included assault on a female, assault by strangulation, assault with a deadly weapon and driving while his license was revoked. He was placed in Durham County Jail without bond. The male who was shot in the foot apparently shot himself by accident. The male – Marsi Daye, 22, of Hillsborough – was charged with discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Significant 1st Quarter Property Crime Arrests

Package Larcenies – On January 16, Heath Ryan Grant, 28, was arrested and charged with stealing recently delivered packages from several porches on West Carver Street, Horton Road, Wyldewood Road and Front Street. The packages were recovered and returned to their owners. Grant was charged with four counts of misdemeanor larceny, four counts of conspiracy to commit larceny and four counts of possession of stolen property.

Burglary/Stolen Vehicle Arrests – Kevin Burch, 37, was arrested and charged with breaking into two businesses on Carver Street on February 20. The first break in was reported at Carver Street Animal Hospital and a picture frame was stolen from the business. Thirty minutes later, officers responded to a break-in at Frontier Pest Control on Carver Street. Officers spotted a vehicle parked next to the building and saw a man carrying tools run from the building. Officer M.B. McGlasson chased the man, later identified as Burch, and caught him a short distance

away. The picture frame stolen from the veterinary hospital was found inside the vehicle parked next to Frontier Pest Control. The vehicle had been reported stolen two weeks earlier from Watts Street. Burch was charged with two counts of breaking and entering, two counts of possession of stolen property, two counts of damage to property, one count of possession of a stolen vehicle and one count of resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer.

Burglary Arrests – Four teens were arrested on burglary charges after officers responded to a “suspicious activity” call on Burrell Road on March 16. Officers located burglaries at two homes – one on Burrell Road and one on Onyx Court. They also caught four teens who were in possession of items (television sets, iPad, coins, a watch and phones) taken during the burglaries. Zyren Adams, 16, was charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit burglary, one count of breaking and entering, one count of larceny after breaking and entering and one count of possession of stolen property. Two 15-year-old males and one 14-year-old male were all charged with two counts of breaking and entering, two counts of conspiracy, two counts of possession of stolen property and two counts of larceny after breaking and entering.

Burglary/Larceny Arrests – Calvin Lewis Davis, 48, of Durham was arrested and charged with numerous breaking and entering and larceny charges during the first quarter of 2017. Davis was charged with breaking into offices and stealing wallets. He was also charged with using stolen credit cards to make multiple purchases. In one case, he was charged with stealing a laptop computer from an office. The thefts occurred on T.W. Alexander Drive, William Penn Plaza, Ben Franklin Boulevard, Tower Boulevard, South Miami Boulevard and Slater Road. He faces numerous charges of breaking and entering, larceny, identity theft, financial card theft, obtaining property by false pretense, trafficking stolen identities, financial card fraud and possession of stolen goods. Davis faces similar charges in Wake County and Orange County.

Larceny/Fraud Arrest – Investigators charged Mohammed El-Asmar, 34, of Holly Springs with stealing backup batteries from Time-Warner Cable junction boxes and selling them to a local recycling firm. El-Asmar, a former contractor with Time-Warner, allegedly sold more than 20,000 pounds of stolen batteries to the recycling business. He is facing one larceny charge and 119 charges of obtaining property by false pretense.

1st Quarter Awards and Honors

EAGLE Awards – The Durham Police Department implemented the EAGLE Awards program in March to recognize marks of excellence among women members of its workforce and law enforcement partners. The DPD Women’s History Month awards honored the exemplary achievements of women employees and members of the general public who advance the ideals of public safety; enhance the department’s organizational culture; and/or forged new paths as pioneers in the profession.

Award recipients included:

- Sister-in-Law Commendations – Lt. Denise Campbell and Kisha Ethridge, Grants Manager
- Crime Fighter Commendation – Officer Karina Ramos-Disla
- Female Civilian Employee of the Year – PSN Coordinator Jennifer Snyder
- Female Civilian Administrator of the Year – Alison Hutchens
- Rookie of the Year Commendation – Officer Emily Keefer

Trailblazer Awards

- Former Chief Teresa Chambers
- Retired Deputy Chief Beverly “B.J.” Council
- Retired Major Glenda Beard
- Officer Pamela Shackleford
- Retired Officer Margie “Jinx” Pulley
- Former Capt. Alana Ennis
- Lt. Shari Montgomery
- Retired Latent Print Examiner Rebecca Waller
- Retired Cpl. Jolanda Clayton
- Firearms Examiner Donna Jackson
- Former Officer Phyllis Thomas-Thorpe



DPD January 2017 Employees of the Month

District 1 – Officer J.T. Cleary and Police Training Officer (PTO) R.M. Benfield, Squad 1-B – On January 2, Officers Cleary and Benfield responded to an armed robbery at the UC Stop on South Alston Avenue. The lead investigator in the case wrote a letter praising Officer Cleary’s work on the call. “Officer Cleary reviewed the surveillance video and noticed that the suspect had not worn gloves. He also noticed that the suspect had walked up to the register holding two bottles of “Orange Driver” before committing the robbery. Officer Cleary had requested FSU, but they were unable to respond due to the call volume. Officer Cleary took it

upon himself to process the “Orange Driver” bottles. As a result, a fingerprint identification was made in this case from the latent prints lifted by Officer Cleary. (He also made arrangements for the retrieval of the video surveillance footage).

“In my previous interactions with Officer Cleary, he has shown himself to be a dedicated and hard-working officer. This particular call proved to be an example of that. Even with the high call volume, Officer Cleary took the initiative to review all available video footage, properly process the bottles, and put in the appropriate request for the video footage. (His report was also well written),” the investigator wrote.

District 2 – Officers R.J. Preston and B.L. Taylor, Squad 2-B – Officers Preston and Taylor were on a call near Northgate Mall when they heard a call come out about a cardiac arrest inside a business at the mall. Officers Preston and Taylor quickly arrived on scene and found an unresponsive female lying on a bathroom floor. She was unconscious and her lips were blue. She was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Officer Preston immediately began performing CPR on the woman while Officer Taylor provided rescue breathing. The officers continued performing CPR until EMS employees took over the treatment. The victim regained consciousness and was able to speak to the officers before being transported to the hospital.

District 3 – Inv. M.G. Stevenson, District 3 Criminal Investigations Division (CID) – Investigator Stevenson was commended for her hard work on individual cases and her liaison work with other law enforcement agencies. This liaison work led to arrests in a major jewelry store robbery case and in a series of thefts from car lots, according to her commanders. Inv. Stevenson was also recognized for providing Christmas meals in her home for on-duty public safety personnel for the last few years.

Special Services (Central District) – Sgt. Brian Massengill and Officer D.R. Buonsignore, Bicycle Squad 30 – Officer Buonsignore bought and made care packs for 20 of Durham's homeless citizens and then handed them out. Each care package included fleece blankets, two pairs of socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other hygiene items. Officer Buonsignore delivered these packages to homeless people in his patrol area. His supervisor commended him for “going above and beyond his call of duty.” Sgt. Massengill and his squad were commended for doing a great job downtown.

Forensic Services Division – Leanne Maher, Crime Scene Investigator – Although CSI Leanne Maher has only been here for four months, she has made herself very valuable to her unit and the department. She volunteered to clean and organize garage filled with supplies. She came in on her days off and spent many hours working on this. She has also volunteered to take inventory of these supplies every month. She volunteered to come in on her days off during the snow storm earlier this month. She volunteered to shovel the FSU parking lot and cleaned off

vehicles. She has created her own experiments to help learn CSI processes. Her supervisors described her as “very self-motivated and a breath of fresh air.”

February 2017 Employees of the Month

Jason Schiess, Analytical Services Manager – Jason Schiess received an award from RTI International for being an outstanding partner to RTI. He was commended for his sincere interest in advancing analytics in policing and his willingness to answer questions and assist with projects.

District 1 – Officer L.P. Warneke, Squad 1-D – On January 15, Officer Warneke was patrolling on Angier Avenue when he heard an alarm and saw a vehicle leave a business parking lot. Officer Warneke made a vehicle stop and saw a gun in vehicle. As he was stopping the vehicle, there was a call dispatched about an armed robbery on Angier Avenue. The occupants of the vehicle stopped by Officer Warneke were involved in the robbery. Officer Warneke was commended for his ability to be observant and his dedication to his job

District 2 – Officer M.C. Supernaw, Squad 2-C – Officer M.S. Supernaw and his recruit, Officer J.M. Berkstresser, were dispatched to a call on January 29 about a suicidal female at a parking deck near a church downtown. The officers checked a parking deck near the intersection of Ramseur Street and South Mangum Street and found a distraught 17-year-old female leaning over the railing three stories above the street. Officer Berkstresser got out of the car and spoke with the female while Officer Supernaw let 911 know that the female had been located. While Officer Berkstresser was speaking with the female, Officer Supernaw slowly and quietly approached the female, using parked vehicles to conceal his approach. While the female was focused on Officer Berkstresser, Officer Supernaw jumped out and pulled her to safety. Officers located the teen’s purse and several suicide notes she had written to family and friends. The officers were able to take her to the hospital to get help. Officer Supernaw’s actions saved her life.

District 3 – Community Resource Officer Lawanda Mock – Officer Mock is an integral part of District 3, according to her district commanders. Officer Mock assists the District 3 Criminal Investigations Division as well as helps Victim Services. Her dedication is so deep that she came in on her day off on her birthday to handle a community event.

Forensic Services – Charlotte Tencza, Crime Scene Investigator – CSI Tencza was recognized for several reasons. She has been working various schedules without complaint and even comes in on her day off to fill in for people. CSI Tencza has taken on the training of a new crime scene investigator. She has taken an interest in latent print development and leads the unit in recovering latent prints. In one case, she was reviewing her photographs and recognized potential evidence others had not seen. As a result, she was able to provide additional information.

Analytical Services – Crime Analyst Eric Arrington – Crime Analyst Arrington has been employed with the Durham Police Department since 1998 and he does just about everything. He always has a pleasant disposition and he is always willing to help, according to his supervisors. He completed numerous mapping projects in January and also does a lot of work to make sure the CompStat room and AV equipment are always ready to go when needed. He was commended for his great attitude and his real creativity in solving problems in his unit.

March 2017 Employees of the Month

District 2 – Officer J.L. Hollingsworth, Squad 2-D – Officer Hollingsworth caught two kidnapping/robbery suspects on February 10. Officer Hollingsworth was on North Roxboro Street near Avondale Drive when she spotted the suspect vehicle. She conducted a felony traffic stop near McDonald's. Two men were arrested on numerous felony charges and officers recovered heroin, cocaine and weapons. Officer Hollingsworth did an outstanding job in setting up the felony stop and demonstrated a superb attention to detail, according to her commanders.

District 3 – Investigator C.J. Moody, District 3 Criminal Investigations Division – Investigator Moody was honored for her outstanding work as part of a multiagency Asian robbery task force. Members of the task force cleared nine DPD cases and two Durham County cases as well as cases from Cary and Apex. Investigators took out more than 60 felony charges.

District 4 – Officer T.L. Duke, Squad 4-B – On February 27, shortly after 6 a.m., Officer Duke responded to a crisis call. When he arrived, he heard very loud screaming. Officer Duke opened the door and found a female covered in blood and a naked male repeatedly stabbing himself in head with a broken glass bottle. The man was screaming in demonic voices. Officer Duke was able to grab the man, snatch the bottle from him and cuff him. The man was taken to the emergency room, where it took approximately 10 people to sedate the man. Officer Duke was commended for his ability to handle a volatile situation with no additional injuries or use of extra force.

Administrative Services – Shawn Hughey and Capt. Brian Reitz – Capt. Reitz and Mr. Hughey were described as two very high achievers who went beyond the call of duty to provide necessary data to implement the sworn pay plan. The two worked a lot of extra hours to be sure the correct data was submitted to HR on time.

FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award – Lt. Tammy Restrepo of the Special Projects/Logistics Division and Lt. Mark Morais of District 3 were honored for completing the FBI-LEEDA program, which focuses on command leadership, executive leadership and supervisory leadership.